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The loophole that troubles me most in the proposed remedy in this case is the lack of any language which prohibits Microsoft from intentionally creating incompatibilities in their software that make it difficult if not impossible to compete with a similar Microsoft product.

This practice began as early as the DR-DOS detection routines in early versions of Microsoft's Windows OS and has appeared as recently as minor, nonfunctional changes in Microsoft's networking protocols that disabled compatibility with the Samba interplatform file sharing system. As an individual who works in the industry I am confounded on an almost daily basis by the inane changes that I must acquiesce to in order to make my products compatible with Microsoft software such as Internet Explorer's less than standard take on concepts such as HTML and javascript.

I am hopeful that a new remedy might take practices, such as those I have outlined, into account to allow for a more competitive environment for us all.

Thank you for your time,

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